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REMARKS

The present amendment is being filed under a Certificate of Mailing as indicated. An appropriate Petition for Extension of Time accompanies this Amendment and is also filed under a Certificate of Mail. A Request for Continued Examination also accompanies this Amendment and is also filed under a Certificate of Mailing.

The drawings were objected to under 35 CFR 1.84(p)(5) as failing to show reference elements mentioned in the description. Figure 1 has been amended to include reference number 76 and its associated leader line. Applicants attach amended Figure 1. The attached sheet replaces the original Figure 1. Figure 2 has been amended to include reference numbers 63, 65, and 83 and their associated leader lines. Applicants attach amended Figure 2. The attached sheet replaces the original Figure 2. The objection to the drawings under 35 CFR 1.84(p)(5) as failing to show reference elements mentioned in the description is now believed to be overcome. The removal of the objection to the drawings under 35 CFR 1.84(p)(5) is hereby requested.

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The specification is objected to under 35 CFR 1.75(d)(1) as failing to provide proper antecedent basis for the claimed subject matter of claims 1, 10, 15 and 20. Claims 1, 10, 15 and 20 have been cancelled without prejudice. An additional paragraph beginning at page 13, line 24, has been added to include the subject matter of a wall and a bottom defining a recess.

The objection to the specification under 35 CFR 1.75(d)(1) as failing to provide proper antecedent basis for the claimed subject matter is now believed to be overcome. The removal of the objection to the specification under 35 CFR 1.75(d)(1) as failing to provide proper antecedent basis for the claimed subject matter is hereby requested.

The Examiner objected to claims 1 and 20. Claims 1 and 20 have been cancelled without prejudice. The objection to claims 1 and 20 because of informalities is now believed to be overcome. The removal of the objection to claims 1 and 20 is hereby respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 2, 4, 6, 7, 15, 18, 19 and 20 were rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 5,3370,702 to Jones.

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Claims 1, 2, 4, 6, 7, 15, 18, 19 and 20 are cancelled without prejudice. The rejection to claims 1, 2, 4, 6, 7, 15, 18, 19 and 20 under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 5,3370,702 to Jones have thus become moot.

Claims 1-7, 15 and 17-20 were rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by WIPO Patent WO95/15734 to Miser.

Claims 1-7, 15 and 17-20 are cancelled without prejudice. The rejection to 1-7, 15 and 17-20 under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by WIPO Patent WO95/15734 to Miser have thus become moot.

Claims 3, 5, 10-14, 16 and 17 were rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 5,370,702 to Jones.

Claims 3, 5, 10-14, 16 and 17 are cancelled without prejudice. The rejection to claims 3, 5, 10-14, 16 and 17 under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 5,370,702 to Jones have thus become moot.

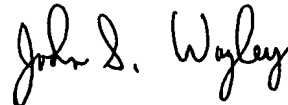
New claims 21-40 have been added. These claims are believed to be fully supported by the specification, claims and drawings. These new claims are believed to be allowable over the cited references. For the above-described reasons it is respectfully submitted that the objection to the drawings, the specification

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and the claims, as well as, the rejections to claims which have not been cancelled have been overcome.

It believed that new claims 21-40 are currently in condition for allowance. Early Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

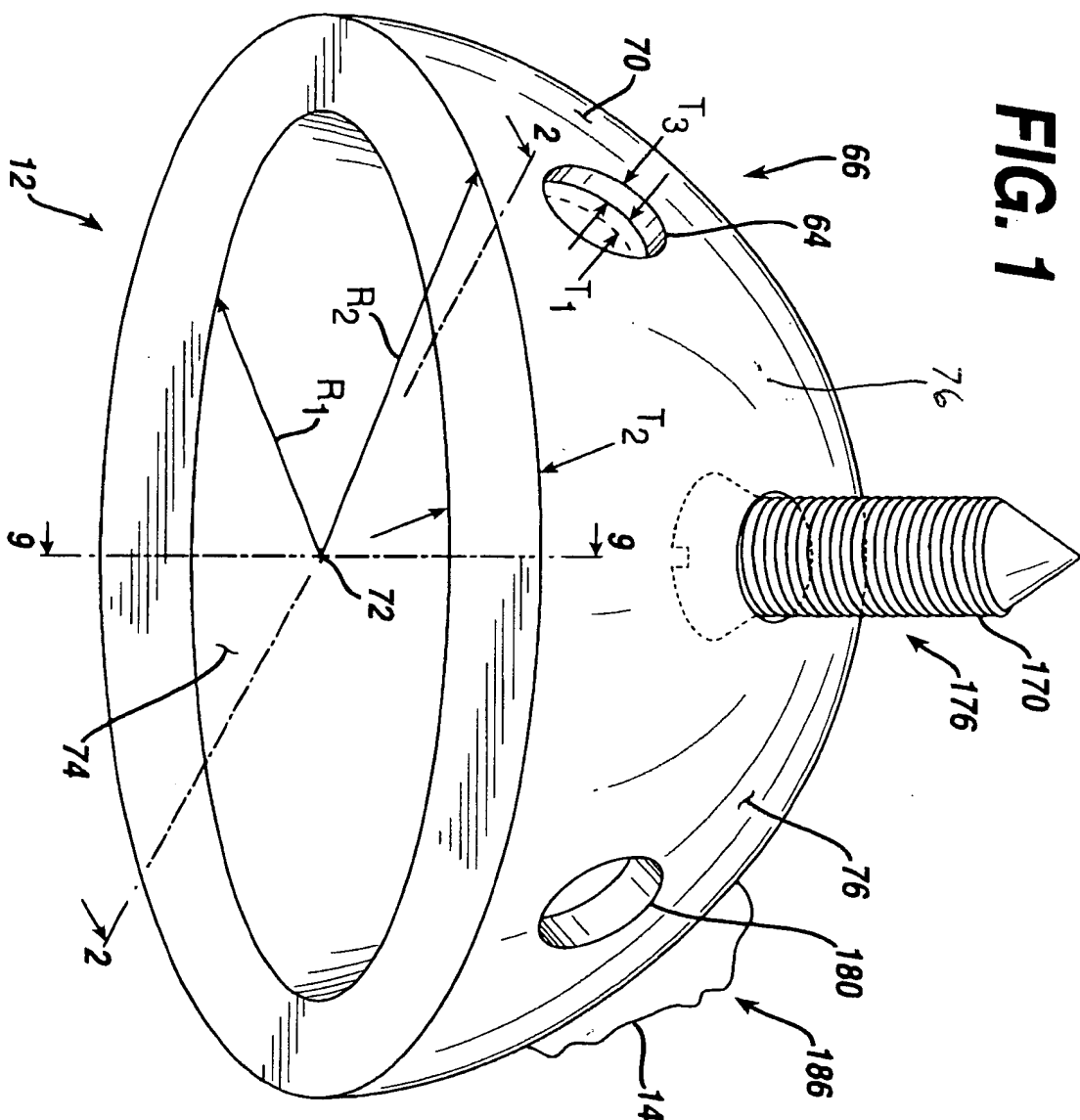
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FIG. 1



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